

ships shall be stopt or cleared, and thereupon We shall either concurr therewith or offer such Reasons to the contrary as We humbly conceive will be Satisfactory. Original
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Signed p Ord^r
W Bladen Cl Assembly

House adjourns for a Q^r of an hour.

House met. The Clarke of this house being returned saith that he delivered the Message by him sent to their Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill.

The house adjourned untill 7 of the Clock on Munday morning.

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The house met and upon calling over were absent Mr Watson Col Hanson Mr Hutchins Major Dcent Mr Hutchison Mr Boothby Mr Robert Smith Major Ennalls Mr Scarborough Col: Herman and Colonel Codd.

Message [from the Hon^{ble}] Councill.

By the hon^{ble} his [Ma^{ty}s Council in Assembly,] May the 2^d 1696.

This Board has perused [a message of] your house by your Clarke sent touching the [Shipp]s &c. And for answer returne that they are of Opinion it will conduce most to his Ma^{ty}s Service that the Shipp]s now in the Country be cleared as they are got ready and for the Reasons already layd before the house which this Board take to be good Reasons.

Signed p Ord^r
Hen Denton Cl Concil.

The which Message being read was ordered to be sent up again to his Ma^{ty} hon^{ble} Councill with the following Answer endorsed.

By the house of Burgesses May the 4th 1696.

That the house concurr with the Opinion of his Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill that the Shipp]s be cleared.

Signed p Ord^r
Sent p Major Hamond & Major W Bladen Cl Assembly
Dorsey.

Put to the Question if every member absent after the calling over the house unless he shew Cause therefore shall not be